

Art Unit: 2800

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1. (amended) A method for playing back a storage medium storing still picture group management information for managing still picture data and N still picture data as a still picture group, where N is an integer number equal to or larger than one, wherein said still picture group management information includes a first recording time at which the still picture data in said still picture group was recorded first and a last recording time at which the still picture data in said still picture group was recorded last, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving an entry of a predetermined time ;  
comparing said predetermined time with said first and last recording times;  
and  
selectively playing back the still picture data belonging to said still picture group satisfying a condition in which said predetermined time is equal to or later than said first recording time and equal to or earlier than said last recording time.

Claims 2-3 Cancelled

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4. (amended) A storage medium storing still picture group management information for managing still picture data and N still picture data as a still picture group, where N is an integer number equal to or larger than one, wherein said still picture group management information includes a first recording time at which the still picture data in said still picture group was recorded first and a last recording time at which the still picture data in said still picture group was recorded last, wherein when a playback apparatus for playing back said storage medium receives a predetermined time, said storage medium enables said apparatus to compare said predetermined time with said first and last recording times, and selectively play back the still picture data belonging to said still picture group satisfying a condition in which said predetermined time is equal to or later than said first recording time and equal to or earlier than said last recording time.

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-5. A computer-readable storage medium storing thereon a procedure for controlling a computer to record still picture data and still picture group management information for managing N still picture data as a still picture group onto a storage medium, where said N is an integer number equal to or greater than one, wherein said procedure comprises the step of recording a first recording time at which the still

picture data in said still picture group was recorded first and a last recording time at which the still picture data in said still picture group was recorded last.-

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